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**CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL NAMES SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY**

**CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21**

Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel hereby appoints seven members to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) pursuant to section 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission’s rules.[[1]](#footnote-3) Each appointee was nominated in response to Public Notices issued earlier this year soliciting nominations for the Board positions listed below.[[2]](#footnote-4) The term for the representative for commercial mobile radio service providers will end December 31, 2022.[[3]](#footnote-5) All other positions are for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2022.

Chairwoman Rosenworcel appoints the following individuals to the USAC Board of Directors:

* Representative for interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of more than $3 billion, Alan J. Buzacott, Executive Director of Federal Regulatory Affairs, Verizon Communications, Inc.;
* Representative for rural healthcare providers that are eligible to receive supported services under section 54.601 of the Commission’s rules, Brent Fontana, Principal Technical Business Developer, Amazon Web Services;
* Representative for state telecommunications regulators, Sarah Freeman, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission;
* Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (non-Bell Operating Companies) with more than $40 million in annual revenues, Kenneth F. Mason;
* Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission’s rules, Julie Tritt Schell, State E-Rate Coordinator, Pennsylvania Department of Education;
* Representative for information service providers, Olivia Wein, Senior Attorney, National Consumer Law Center; and
* Representative for commercial mobile radio service providers, Indra Sehdev Chalk, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, for T-Mobile USA, Inc.

The USAC Board of Directors will hold its next meetings on January 20, 24, and 25, 2022.[[4]](#footnote-6) All Board of Directors quarterly meetings are open to the public.[[5]](#footnote-7) For further information, please contact Hayley Steffen ([Hayley.Steffen@fcc.gov](mailto:Hayley.Steffen@fcc.gov)), Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Office of the Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1586.

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1. 47 CFR § 54.703(c)(3). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Six Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, DA 21-1027 (WCB 2021) (*First 2021 USAC Board Nomination Public Notice*); *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nomination for Board Member Position on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, DA 21-1122 (WCB 2021) (*Second 2021 USAC Board Nomination Public Notice*). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *See* *Second 2021 USAC Board Nomination Public Notice* at n.1 (“To maintain three-year staggered terms among Board members, the Board member appointed for this position will have a term that expires December 31, 2022.”). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. *USAC, About, Leadership, Quarterly*, <https://www.usac.org/about/leadership/quarterly-meeting-schedule/> (last visited Dec. 23, 2021). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(e). Please check here, <https://www.usac.org/about/leadership/quarterly-meeting-schedule/>, for latest information related to COVID-19 and public attendance. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)